

ond child of William S. and Phebe H. McMillan Bethers.

Janett Bethers was a daughter of William S. and Phebe McMillan Bethers. She, like all other children, helped with farm and house work. All children at that time also walked to Center Creek to school and Church activities.

As she grew older she hunched shingles at the McGuire shingle mill. When the Daniel Branch was organized, in 1889, and Bishop P. H. McGuire taught school, Janett substituted for him when he couldn't be there.

She was married to William Oaks, nephew of John H. Oaks, at her parents' home, by Bishop McGuire. They spent a short while living in a new barn John Oaks had built for his horses, taking their meals with John and his wife, Mary Jane, Janett's sister, before going to Vernal to make their home.

She became the mother of 16 children, a very outstanding family of doctors, nurses, educators, etc., all of them being well educated. All were born at Vernal. Because it was such a long distance to Vernal and the means of travel slow, Janett never visited her home many times.

Their children follow: Dr. Lewis Weston Oaks, Ernest Mahlon, Martin Ervyn, William Basil, Stanley Glen, Nettie Hermoine, Dr. Lloyd Edress, Nellie May, Dr. Victor LeRoy, Jessie Abigail, Phebe Hilda, Wilbur Taylor, Charles Ellsworth, Lynne Eugene, Eunice Verda and Iris Velva.

WILLIAM AND JANETT  
BETHERS OAKS



William Oaks was born in Heber City, son of Martin and Abigail Reynolds Oaks. He married Janett Bethers at her parents' home at Daniel, Bishop P. H. McGuire performing the ceremony. Later the marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She was born May 23, 1871, at Heber, sec-

WILLIAM HENRY AND MARY  
SESSIONS OAKS



William Henry Oaks was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 17, 1849, son of Hyrum and Sarah Woods Oaks. He mar-

ried Mary Sessions in the fall of 1871 in the Salt Lake Endowment House. Mary died in 1880 and William died March 28, 1923.

William Henry Oaks came to Utah with his parents, Hyrum and Sarah Woods Oaks, in 1852, settling at what is now American Fork. They later moved to a farm near Provo City for two years before coming to Heber Valley and later moving to a homestead at the mouth of Daniels Canyon.

He helped many times to drive back the Indians, who gave the settlers so much trouble. William was a Blackhawk War veteran and was drawing a pension at the time of his death for services he rendered during that time.

William and Mary Sessions had three children, two boys and a girl. His wife died in 1880 and the children all preceded him in death.

He was of a pioneering disposition, spending much time in the mountains. There probably is no other man in the West who has killed more bears than did he, and it mostly was all done before the days of the modern breech loading rifles came into use.

He left Wasatch County with his father and two brothers to go into the lumbering business in which he was active for 10 years, then engaging in farming a number of years. He lived with his nephew, Ed L. Oaks, his last years, and stated in his last illness he had never had a doctor called to aid him before.

